Independent Laboratory Advising Committee (ILAC)

Medical Marijuana Independent Laboratory Advising Committee Public Hearing					
6.03.2015		2:00PM – 4:00 PM	Division of Public and Behavioral Health 4150 Technology Way, Room 303, Carson City, NV Nevada Early Intervention Services 3811 W. Charleston Blvd, Room 112 Las Vegas, NV		
Meeting called by					
Type of meeting	Ed Alexander, President of ILAC Committee Independent Laboratory Advisory Committee (ILAC). Public Comments				
Note taker	Jamie Chittenden				
Staff Attendees ILAC Member Attendees	Las Vegas: Julie Jones, Rino Tenorio, Jamie Chittenden. Carson City: Chad Westom, Steve Gilbert, Jeff Hansen, Pam Graber, Nataliya Wood, Laura Freed. Las Vegas: Matt Haskin, David Luttrell, Savino Sguera, Jason Sturtsman, Chao-Hsiung Tung. Carson City: Ed Alexander. Telephone: Glenn Miller, Sue Sisley.				
Public comments:					
Cindy Orser	Las Vegas				
Digi Path. Inquired what the ability of testing labs to acquire cannabis standards to conduct proper validation studies. There is no current mechanism. Recommended labs use current cannabis that is grown by patients to begin their testing and studies.					
Proposed testing labs have the same opportunity as dispensaries, to make a one purchase of cannabis samples from patient growers.					
Joey Ereweta	Las Vegas				
Green Therapeutics. Questions around the approval of the proposed testing pesticide list. How will the decision be made with Department of Agriculture? There are many other products that could be used. What about neem oil? At present, it is not allowed. How to get them added to the list? Spinosad is safe, how did it make on the list? On the 25(b) list, -sulfur is approved for non-food use only. What is current policy, if items on that list are approved for Cannabis use? Valorie Godina Las Vegas					
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Full Moon Harvest. Than					
	nat role will Agriculture play if they are a federally funded program?				
Ed Alexander	Carson City				
Based on a conversation yesterday, the Department of Agriculture will adhere to the current language they are bound by which is the EPA labeling regulation. It is his understanding that their not allowed to make off label recommendations.					
Valorie Godina	Las Vegas				
If Nevada Department of	Agriculture is federally funded, how can they be involved?				
Ed Alexander	Las Vegas				
They will deal with on label issues and act according to EPA standards.					
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Sherry Currington	Las Vegas				
In 1998 was diagnosed with fibromyalgia, herniated disc, ruptured disc, fractured and displaced coccyx. Used heavy medication for years. Began using medical marijuana eight months ago and today no longer requires the heavy medication. Gave a presentation at a fibromyalgia conference and the people were enlightened.					
Sherri McMahon	Las Vegas				
City of Las Vegas, Environmental Officer. The definition of usable marijuana is in the state regulations. The jurisdictional permits talk about disposable marijuana as being unusable marijuana. There is no definition of unusable marijuana defined in state regulations. Do we hold the responsibilities for burden of proof at 50% grinding for the unusable? Can I coordinate with laboratories for testing usable marijuana but also unusable marijuana for inspections? Which laboratories?					
Jason Strull	Carson City				
374 Labs. Requested clarification. Question: The current pesticide policy is in effect until July 1, after which it is turned over to the Department of Agriculture?					
Laura Freed	Carson City				
	to set answer as to how they will respond. You have my assurance, the Division of Public and Behavioral Health d say the industry is clamoring for guidance. Carson City				
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	Certified Ag Lab. Requested clarification. Right now 25(b) is the approved list and as of July 1* we will have crop group 19 and hops. Question: The list we have now as of May 1, is that a list we can use or is that just for testing purposes?				

Chad Westom	Carson City		
Answer: The policy adopted forth is in effect the rest of this month. It provides guidance on testing as well as what's approved to use. It			
is posted on our website.			
Randy Gardner	Carson City		
Question: If you were growing hops, would you have to test for all the pesticides that are approved for use or only the ones you are registered to use?			

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Ed Alexander	Carson City	
Answer: Based on research in the industry, is the only thing a standard crop grew test for are those registered for use on that crop. Can only use pesticides that are registered for a specific crop		
Glenn Miller	Telephone	
Stated the issue is the division of health is looking for the individuals who are not following the laws and regulations which is a positive. However, the Department of Agriculture will determine their standards but regardless there will always be people trying to use unauthorized pesticides.		
Laura Freed	Carson City	
Agriculture is statutorily obligated to direct the establishments of what pesticides can be used and at what tolerance. They have received some guidance from the legislature in the form of crop group 19 herbs and spices, hops, and other unspecified crops. The Division then relays these standards and begin looking for what cannot be used or over the tolerance limit.		
Ed Alexander	Carson City	
Agriculture is regulated based on federal law which trumps state law. They do not have the actual ability to do anything other than utilize list 25(b) and other exempts from tolerance or off label recommendations. From the enforcement piece if agriculture sees you using something not an on label recommendation that is a violation of the EPA laws which govern them.		
Glenn Miller	Carson City	
Proposed a question to present to the department of Agriculture. Since no one is going to be looking for the residues off the tolerance exempt list, is that considered an off label use and therefore illegal?		